

# **DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Five County Association of Governments**

**1070 West 1600 South**

**St. George, UT**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director, CHAIR
- Todd Edwards for Ron Whitehead, Washington County Public Works Director, VICE-CHAIR
- Monty Thurber, St George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City Engineer
- Mike Shaw, Washington City, Public Works Director
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City Administrator
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Cameron Cutler, St George City, Public Works Director

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City
- Kirk Thornock, UDOT Region Four

### **VISITORS:**

- Eldon Bingham, UDOT Planning
- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Bronson Bundy, Washington City
- Brady Shakespear, Jones & DeMille Engineering
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering
- Dannielle Larkin, SUBA/AG Planning Committee
- Darrin LeFevre, Hurricane City
- Ed Baca, St George City
- Kelly Lund, FHWA – SLC
- Steve Call, FHWA - USA

Mr. Chuck Gillette, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Gillette noted that a sign-up sheet was being circulated for attendees to sign.

### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- A. Consider Minutes from June 5, 2019 Meeting:** Mr. Chuck Gillette asked for comments.  
**Mr. Mike Shaw noted that there is a correction needed on Local Project Status**

**Updates #5h; ...bids on Romero Road... needs to be changed to ...bids on Merrill Road... – with no other comments presented, Mr. Gillette asked for a motion to approve. **Mr. Mike Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted. Mayor Wayne Peterson seconded the motion and voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.****

**2. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

- A. Review public comments on the Transportation Improvement Plan and the Transit Transportation Improvement Plan:** Mr. Myron Lee led a discussion on the TIP and the Transit (TIP). Mr. Lee noted that both documents have been reviewed by the DTAC committee and that (since the review) the MPO has sent it out for public comment.

Mr. Lee received (1) comment which had to do with the (3) proposals on 1450 South. Because the proposal chosen (the middle proposal) would not affect the concerns mentioned in the comment – the individual was notified that his comments would be forwarded to St. George City and Washington City.

- B. Review TIP Proposal by Washington City to exchange funds between PIN#’s 14560 and 16646:** Mr. Mike Shaw discussed the progress of the project and noted that part of the funding is in 2022. He proposed swapping funding years so that \$1.5 million is swapped from the MP11 project down to the Washington Parkway project in the 2020 year; and likewise, push \$1.5 million from the Washington Parkway (2020 year) to the MP11 (2022 year). It is noted that there will not be a dollar change involved in the switch.

**Mr. Lee noted that this request does not need Public Comment as it will show up as a TIP amendment (because there is not a change in dollars). Arthur LeBaron made a motion to amend the TIP as proposed – Cameron Cutler seconded the motion, and voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

- C. Consider recommending the TIP and TTIP to DTEC:** Mr. Jay Sandberg made a motion to recommend the amended TIP and the Transit TIP to the Dixie MPO Executive Committee (DTEC). The motion was seconded by Kyle Gubler and voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**3. LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

- A. Review public comments on 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and consider recommending the plan to DTEC:** Mr. Lee indicated that the public comment period ended on Sunday of last week and that he has received 12 public comments. Because he has not had time to review all the comments, they are not ready for DTAC review prior to going to the DTEC. Mr. Lee asked the Committee members how they would like to proceed with the review and responses to the comments.

**The consensus of the DTAC committee is that the comments need to be reviewed and considered individually and that the review should not be “rushed”. They asked for the comments to be sent out as they are – and then send out the recommended responses for the DTAC members to review – prior to the next DTAC meeting.**

**Arthur LeBaron made motion to table this agenda item until the next DTAC meeting. Cameron Cutler seconded the motion and voting was in favor of the motion.**

**4. PLANNING SERVICES:**

**A. Consider Planning Project proposals FY 2020:**

- a. Washington City request for \$40,000 for a master transportation plan update:**  
Mr. Mike Shaw reported that the City needs \$20,000 instead of \$40,000. Mr. Chuck Gillette, Chair asked Mr. Lee if the funds were available. Mr. Lee reported that the MPO has \$130,000 available, of which \$60,000 has already been committed to Ivins – so the funds are available.  
**Mr. Kyle Gubler made a motion to approve \$20,000 for a master plan update for Washington City. The motion was seconded by Cameron Cutler and voting was in favor of the motion.**

**5. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:**

- A. Hurricane** – Hurricane currently has an RFP out for a couple of projects: (1) is 2800 W which is a connector from where the Southern Parkway ties into SR9 up to 600. (2) looking at 700 W between 100 N and 600 N that is on the master plan road corridor that is being driven by development pressure. Also discussed was a downtown section on 100 N from 200 W to State Street.

They also have a project under construction that fixes the wash crossing on Old Highway 91 by Harrisburg.

- B. Ivins** – Mr. Chuck Gillette noted that they need to update their transportation master plan and that (regarding the Ivins City Project), they may increase the scope and request additional funds from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB).

They are looking into the possibility of getting proposals from (2) different groups: (1) that is full-service and gives you recommendations telling you this is what you need to do, and this is how you do it, and (2) a group that basically takes pictures of your roads and uses the AI (artificial intelligence) to evaluate the roads – but doesn't give you any recommendations.

Ivins City is just exploring right now and trying to decide if they should move forward with getting a proposal. Some members of the DTAC committee asked that if Ivins goes forward with this – would they make a presentation of the results to the DTAC. Mr. Chuck Gillette agreed to do this – if they decide to go forward.

- C. LaVerkin** – Nothing to report.

- D. Leeds** – Nothing to report.

- E. St. George** – The 400 South underpass under I-15 is nearing completion and will be open for school. They are planning on a ribbon cutting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. The River Road project was discussed – the appraisals are moving forward but they are slowdown

because of the environmental delay for the Fish and Wildlife Service. They still hope to have the project ready to bid in October or November. The City is also starting some designs on some traffic signals, one of which is 1140 S and 3000 East (the road that goes past the new Crimson Intermediate School).

- F. Santa Clara** – The Bridge project is going well – and that all the pylons have been drilled and poured.
- G. Toquerville** – No update.
- H. Washington City** – The Merrill Road project is underway and that the Washington Parkway should be ready to bid in September, with an October opening and a November start. They are also designing Main Street from I-15 to Telegraph to include widening and flood control.
- I. Washington County** – They have their annual chip seal project coming up.
- J. UDOT** – Doing a study on 700 So and I-15, and a possible exit at milepost 18 in Hurricane for an exit near 5500 W. The 400 South underpass project is under way as well as the Exit 16 project. There is also an environmental study going on the SR 9 between milepost 16 and the Southern Parkway. Myron Lee discussed the transit project for a new Springdale line. He said it was granted \$15 million by UDOT to help with the recreation hotspot. He also noted that St. George City has also applied for a \$3 million grant for electric busses which was awarded last week; however, Cameron Cutler stated that there are strings attached to the grant, so this still needs to be discussed with the COG and the Commission on how it was written up for matching funds.
- k.** The Chair recognized Steve Call from the Federal Highways. He said that the new highway bill is beginning to get on people's radar and that he is hoping that the new highway bill is out before the old one expires.

Mr. Call discussed the TIP and the STIP and how he is involved in the approval of the STIP. He encouraged the MPO, by next year at least, to try to combine the TIP's into one TIP that demonstrates multi-model planning. The reason for this is because all the other MPO's and the State produce one unified TIP and it demonstrates your' thing of both transit and highway at the same time.

He also mentioned that each TIP, in each plan, should have a little bit of a narrative to discuss how it supports the State goals.

## **6. UPCOMING MEETINGS/DEADLINES**

- A.** August 21 – DTEC meeting
- B.** September 4, 2019 – DTAC meeting

**ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**Cameron Cutler made a motion to adjourn, Mike Shaw seconded the motion and voting was in favor of the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.